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Washington, D.C. 20535

April 10, 2007

MR WILLIAM J MAXWELL
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET
URBANA, IL 61801

Request No.: 1074952- 000
Subject: MOTLEY, WILLARD

Dear Requester:

The records that you have requested were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act for another requester.

Enclosed are 144 pages of documents pertaining to your request and a copy of the explanation of exemptions.

You may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein by writing to the Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. H. H. H.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

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EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

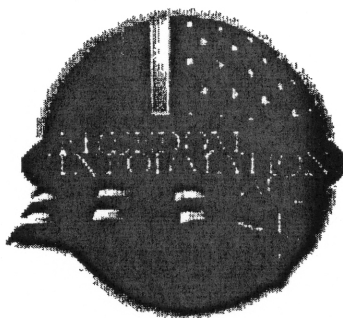


**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT Willard Motley

FILE NUMBER 100-382070

SECTION NUMBER 1



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO

FILE NO 100-21911

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/16/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/29, 30; 4/6, 23, 25, 30; 5/29; 6/1, 5-7/51	CONFIDENTIAL
TITLE WILLARD MOTLEY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS.			HSP:bjh b7C
<p>Subject resides 208 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is an author. MOTLEY reported to have been born July 12, 1912 at Chicago, Illinois. Informants advised that classes of the Workers School were held in MOTLEY's apartment during 1942; that he was scheduled to speak at a meeting sponsored by the Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions in April, 1950; that he was listed in the Daily Worker as one of the sponsors of the PEARL HART testimonial dinner sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. He was listed as an alternate delegate to the Progressive Party National Convention in 1950; that in 1943 he was a subscriber to the Daily Worker; that in January, 1951 he signed a letter to Senators and Congressmen sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives. An Informant advised in Jan., 1951 that MOTLEY was not a member of the CP. Description set out.</p>			
<p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</p> <p>7-12-80 SP-4 JRM/ler REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW 12-8-90 C.N. 36,871</p>			
<p>DETAILS: This investigation was predicated on information furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, who advised in 1942 that meetings of the Workers School were held in subject's apartment, and on</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>G. R. McSwain</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>			
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>5 - Bureau 3 - Chicago</p> <p>COPY IN FILE</p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>100-21911-36</p> <p>RECORDED - 55 INDEXED - 55</p> <p>EX - 73</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL</p>	

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information furnished by Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, who advised in 1950 that WILLARD MOTLEY was scheduled to speak on a program sponsored by the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. (u)

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BACKGROUND

Residence

[] Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised on April 6, 1951 that WILLARD MOTLEY resided at 208 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Employment

[] Street, advised on April 6, 1951 that WILLARD MOTLEY was an author and had written the novel, "Knock On Any Door." [] further advised he had recently seen a check that was made out to MOTLEY for \$5,000.00, which check MOTLEY stated was advanced on a new book that MOTLEY had written. [] stated that he did not know what the title of this new book would be.

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Citizenship Data

"Who's Who in Colored America", 1950 edition, reflects that WILLARD MOTLEY, author of the novel "Knock On Any Door" was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 12, 1912; that his father's name was ~~ARCHIBALD~~ MOTLEY and that his mother's name was MARY ~~HUFF~~ MOTLEY. ~~NOTES~~

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Cook County, Illinois, 130 North Wells Street, were checked on June 1, 1951 and these records contained no record of the birth of WILLARD MOTLEY.

Previous Employment

"Who's Who in Colored America", 1950 edition, reflects that WILLARD MOTLEY was previously employed as an interviewer by the Chicago Housing Authority and as a writer by the Office of Civilian Defense.

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Military Record

(S) Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on May 29, 1951 that WILLARD MOTLEY had no military record.

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Credit and Criminal Record

Records of the Chicago Police Department were checked on April 30, 1951 and contained no arrest record for WILLARD MOTLEY.

Records of Hill's Reports, Incorporated, a Chicago Credit Agency, were checked on April 23, 1951 with negative results.

ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Workers School

FRANK S. MEYER, government witness in the trial of the United States vs. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, ET AL, testified on April 13, 1949 that he was the director of the Chicago Workers School. MEYER testified that the Educational Department of the Communist Party supervised the education in the Workers School and decided on its curriculum and method of recruiting. He advised that this School was open to Party and non-Party people and was used to recruit members into the Communist Party and to teach Marxism and Leninism.

Confidential Informant [] advised in June of 1942 that WILLARD MOTLEY tended bar at the Sky-Hi Dance sponsored by the Workers School. Informant advised that this Party was held at 228 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Informant further advised that after this dance a party was held in WILLARD MOTLEY's room, 1216 South Halsted Street.

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On June 6, 1951 Officer [] Chicago Police Department, advised that he had been on the beat in the vicinity of 1261 South Halsted Street for sixteen or seventeen years. Officer [] stated that he has known MOTLEY since about 1937 or 1938, and that he used to see him at least several times a week during the period of 1937 through 1942. Officer [] further advised that he could not state if MOTLEY had ever resided at 1261 South Halsted Street, but he remembers that one time some-

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one had rented out rooms at the top two floors at this address and that at this time it was practically a flop house. At the present time all of the floors in this four story building are occupied for business purposes and according to Officer [] have all been so occupied for the past five or six years.

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[] states that he does know that MOTLEY lived somewhere close to this address but that he is not certain where he did actually live, and stated that he could not suggest anyone that would be able to recall if MOTLEY did actually live at this address. [] said that during this period, from 1937 to 1942, MOTLEY generally hung around Maxwell Street, which is one block away from 1261 South Halsted, and that during this period he was hanging around with bums and prostitutes. [] stated that he understood that MOTLEY did this to obtain back-ground for the book he was writing.

[] advised in June of 1942 that on June 27, 1942 the Current Events Class of the Workers School was held at the residence of WILLARD MOTLEY, 1261 South Halsted Street. [] advised further in June of 1942 that the Current Events Class of the Workers School again held a class meeting at the residence of WILLARD MOTLEY, 1261 South Halsted Street, on June 29, 1942. Informant further advised that CONRAD KOMOROWSKI, a member of the staff of the Workers School, taught this class. (u)

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Confidential Informant [] advised in July of 1942 that a meeting of the Extension Class of the Workers School, taught by CONRAD KOMOROWSKI, was held at the home of WILLARD MOTLEY, 1261 South Halsted Street, on July 13, 1942. (u)

Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions

(u) Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on June 28, 1949 that the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was a Chicago affiliate of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

The "Fifth report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on un-American Activities-1949" of the California legislature, under the chapter headed "Official citations of fronts and publications" (page 257) there appears a citation of the Arts, Sciences and Professions as follows: (page 338) National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions "cited as one of the most important Communist front organizations in the country."

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(u) (c) Confidential Informant [] advised on April 10, 1950 that WILLARD MOTLEY was scheduled to be one of the speakers at the Humanity vs. the H-Bomb meeting sponsored by the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, 55 East Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. Informant advised that this meeting was scheduled to be held in the ballroom of the Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams Street, Chicago.

(u) (c) Confidential Informant [] advised on April 4, 1950 that a meeting of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was held at the Midland Hotel on April 3, 1950. Informant further stated that it was announced at this meeting that Dr. JOHN J. DE BOER, Chairman of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, stated that WILLARD MOTLEY, who was scheduled to be one of the speakers at this meeting, would not be in attendance because of previous commitments.

Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

(u) (c) Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on May 27, 1948 that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835 as being a Communist organization.

The Worker, Illinois edition for April 9, 1950, page two a, column one, carried an article stating that WILLARD MOTLEY was one of the sponsors for the PEARL HART testimonial dinner that was being sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be held at the Bismarck Hotel on April 8, 1950.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on January 16, 1947 that he had been advised by GIL GREEN, State Chairman of the Communist Party, that PEARL HART was in agreement with the principles of the Communist Party and so would be treated with respect even though she disagreed. Informant advised that GREEN added that if she should come into the Communist Party she would not have that freedom. (u) (c)

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The Worker is a special Sunday edition of the Daily Worker, an East coast communist daily newspaper.

Progressive Party

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on Feb. 6, 1951 that the Progressive Party of Illinois is under the control of the Communist Party and has been under Communist control since the inception of the Progressive Party in Illinois. (S)(u)

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, made available a 42nd Ward booklet of the Progressive Party on March 6, 1950. This booklet lists WILLARD MOTLEY as an alternate to the Progressive Party National Convention to be held in Chicago, Ill. on February 24-26, 1950. (S)(u)

"Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an East coast, Communist daily newspaper.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised in 1943 that WILLARD MOTLEY, 1261 South Halsted Street, was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker." (S)(u)

National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives

Confidential Informant [] advised on June 4, 1951 that the National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, 30 North Dearborn Street, is not an organization that was set up by the Communist Party. However, the Communist Party has shown an interest in using the potential influence of this organization as a mass peace movement. The Communist Party members are at work in this organization but do not control it. (S)(u)

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised in January, 1950 that WILLARD MOTLEY, author, Chicago, was one of the signers of an open letter to Senators and Congressmen urging the defeat of President TRUMAN's arms program. Informant advised that these letters were sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives. (S)(u)

Stage for Action

(S)(u) Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on

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November 3, 1947] that Stage for Action was a Communist dominated group and noted that they frequently put on plays and shows for various sections and rallies of the Communist Party.

(u)et Confidential Informant [] on January 26, 1949] made available a letterhead of Stage for Action, 203 North Wabash Street. This letterhead lists WILLARD MOTLEY as one of the Chicago sponsors of the above organization.

Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant [] advised on June 6, 1951 that he knows WILLARD MOTLEY and that he considers MOTLEY to be an eccentric. Informant further advised that MOTLEY is not a member of the Communist Party.

(u)et (u) Confidential Informant [] advised on June 7, 1951] that he does not know WILLARD MOTLEY.

[] advised on April 6, 1951 that he had talked to the subject on a number of occasions and that MOTLEY had never said anything that would lead him to believe that subject was not loyal to the Government of the United States.

The following composite description of the subject was obtained from [] and "Who's Who in Colored America," 1950 edition:

NAME	WILLARD MOTLEY
ADDRESS	208 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	July 12, 1912 - Chicago, Illinois (not verified)
HEIGHT	5'11"
WEIGHT	180 lbs.
HAIR	Black
EYES	Brown
RACE	Negro
OCCUPATION	Author

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The records of the Chicago Police Department and Hill's Reports. Incorporated were checked by Special Employee [redacted]

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

[redacted] who made information available by written report.

Industrial Detail of the Chicago Police Department who made the information available to Special Employee [redacted] on April 10, 1950; to SA [redacted] on January 26, 1949; and by written report on April 4, 1950.

[redacted] Records, State Selective Service System, 523 South Plymouth Court, Chicago.

[redacted] who made the information available to SA [redacted] on June 28, 1949.

[redacted] who made the information available to SA [redacted] on May 27, 1948; and to SA [redacted] on June 7, 1951.

[redacted] who made the information available to SA [redacted] on January 16, 1947.

[redacted] who made information available to SA [redacted] on February 6, 1951; to SA [redacted] on June 6, 1951; and also on June 7, 1951.

[redacted] who made information available on March 6, 1950.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS (Continued)

An anonymous source who made information available in 1943.

[redacted] who made information available to an unknown person in the New York Office in January of 1950.

[redacted] who made information available to an unknown person of the New York Office on November 3, 1947.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
 SUBJECT: WILLARD MOTLEY
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DATE: July 16, 1951

Enclosed, herewith, are five copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated July 16, 1951.

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Due to the fact that a reliable informant reported that subject is an eccentric and not a member of the Communist Party, and inasmuch as he is a prominent author and no evidence was developed that MOTLEY was ever a member of the Communist Party, no request to interview the subject is being made.

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Confidential
By Special Messenger

Date: October 10, 1951

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Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

G.I.R.-51

Subject: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Attached hereto is a photostatic copy of a
communication received from [Redacted]
[Redacted] Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.

The correspondent's letter has been acknowledged
and he has been advised of this referral.

For your information, the files of this Bureau reflect
that investigation was conducted by our Chicago Office on one
Willard Motley who appears to be identical with the subject
of the correspondence. This investigation disclosed that Motley,
a resident of 208 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois, is an
author and is reported to have been born July 12, 1912, at
Chicago, Illinois. A confidential informant of known reliability
advised that classes of the Workers School were held in Motley's
apartment during 1942. In the trial of the United States vs.
William Z. Foster, et al, Frank S. Meyer, a Government witness,
testified on April 13, 1949, that the Educational Department of
the Communist Party supervised the education in the Workers
School and decided on its curriculum and method of recruiting.
He testified the school was opened to Party and non-Party
people and was used to recruit members into the Communist Party
and to teach Marxism and Leninism.

In April, 1950, another informant of known reliability
advised that Willard Motley was scheduled to be one of the
speakers at a meeting sponsored by the Chicago Council of Arts,
Sciences, and Professions to be held at the ballroom of the
Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams Street, Chicago; however, the
informant later advised that Willard Motley did not attend this

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cc: Legal Attache
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meeting because of previous commitments. It is noted that the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions is a Chicago affiliate of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, according to a reliable informant. The latter organization has been cited as a Communist front by the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities of the California Legislature.

"The Worker," Illinois edition for April 9, 1950, carried an article stating that Willard Motley was one of the sponsors for the Pearl Hart testimonial dinner that was being sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to be held at Bismarck Hotel on April 8, 1950. The Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which latter organization has been cited by the Attorney General as being a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

According to other reliable informants, Motley has been a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" and was one of the signers of an open letter to Senators and Congressmen urging the defeat of President Truman's arms program. The letters, according to the informant, were sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives. A reliable informant advised in June, 1951, that the National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives is not an organization set up by the Communist Party but the Party has shown an interest in using the potential influence of this organization as a mass peace movement. The Communist Party members are at work in this organization but do not control it.

Willard Motley is also listed on the letterhead of the Stage for Action as one of the Chicago sponsors of this organization. The Stage for Action has been reported by a reliable informant as a Communist dominated group which frequently puts on plays, shows, and rallies for the Communist Party.

Further, information has been received from an informant of known reliability to the effect that he considers Motley to be an eccentric and he does not believe Motley is presently a member of the Communist Party.

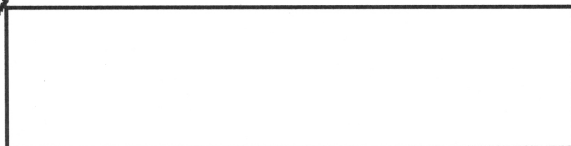
Should any information come to your attention concerning Motley's activities in Mexico, it would be appreciated if you would furnish any such data to this Bureau. If information comes to your attention that Motley is returning or has returned to the United States, it would also be appreciated if you would furnish any information in your possession in this regard.

This is being submitted for your confidential information
and such action as you may deem appropriate.

~~Attachment~~

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By Special Messenger

Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards
Assistant Deputy/Inspection and Security

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J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir -

Willard Motley

This is to inform you that on the
23rd of September in the dining room
of the Bella Vista Hotel in Cuernavaca
Mexico I heard Willard Motley, a Negro
writer and agent of his black & white
toast the Communists and cry "down
with the United States". He is currently
living with a blond white boy companion
whose name I do not know.

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Yours truly,

[Redacted]

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October 10, 1951

[Redacted]
Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated September 29, 1951, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in making this information available to me.

Inasmuch as the contents of your letter also appear to be of interest to the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency, I have taken the liberty of forwarding copies of your communication to those agencies.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DATE 7-24-00 BY SP5 Jcm

cc: Chicago (with copy of incoming)

Bureau files reflect that Willard Motley is the subject of a closed Security Matter - C case, Chicago origin, Chicago file 100-21911.

Investigation conducted in this matter indicated Motley was an eccentric and not a member of the Communist Party. 100-382070

Information concerning Motley has been furnished to the Department of State [Redacted] with the request that the Bureau be advised should any information come to their attention concerning Motley's activities in Mexico. DE

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SAC, Chicago (100-21911)

March 26, 1952

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WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

For your information the Bureau's Legal Attache, Mexico City, advised by airgram dated March 22, 1952, that the subject was reported to have departed from Mexico City on March 18, 1952, by train, en route to Laredo and Houston, Texas. The subject then plans to fly to Chicago from Houston where he expects to spend several weeks in arranging his income tax matters. He then plans to fly to New York City on business and subsequently to return to Mexico. The subject was reportedly accompanied by his mother when he departed from Mexico City; however, he continues to maintain his household in Cuernavaca.

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Mr. Harbo	✓
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DECODE OF CODED MESSAGE NUMBER 385 DATED MARCH 22, 1952 AT
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA AIRGRAM.

WILLARD MOTLEY, SM - C. SUBJECT REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT MEXICO CITY BY TRAIN MARCH 18 ENROUTE LAREDO AND HOUSTON, TEXAS. FROM LATTER CITY SUBJECT PLANNED TO FLY TO CHICAGO WHERE HE IS TO SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS ARRANGING HIS INCOME TAX, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL FLY TO NEW YORK ON BUSINESS AND THEN RETURN TO MEXICO. SUBJECT REPORTEDLY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MOTHER WHEN HE LEFT MEXICO CITY. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN HIS HOUSEHOLD IN CUERNAVACA. FOREGOING SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
cc: Mr. Belmont

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

JS
Date: April 16, 1952
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Mexico (100-792)
Subject: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C *N*

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G.I.R.-6

Re Mexico City airgram of March 22,
1952.

Captioned subject returned to Mexico City on April 8, 1952. He is believed to have come from New York City by train. He has now returned to Cuernavaca, where he maintained residence prior to his departure for the U.S. on March 18 last.

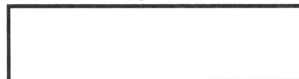
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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHÉ
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

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Date: July 22, 1952
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Mexico (100-792)
Subject: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Remylet April 16, 1952 in captioned matter.

Since return of the subject to Mexico on April 8, 1952, at which time he proceeded to Cuernavaca, Morelos, to resume residence, no information has come to the attention of this office reflecting that MOTLEY is actively engaged in Communist Party or related activities there.

[REDACTED] (S)

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Confidential Informants [REDACTED] are planning to spend several days each week in Cuernavaca within the immediate future at which time efforts will be made to determine the nature of his present activities.

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHÉ
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

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Date: September 29, 1952
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Mexico (100-792)
Subject: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Remylet July 22, 1952.

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Since the submission of referenced letter Confidential Informants [] spent every week-end in Cuernavaca through September 14, 1952. On September 19, 1952, the informants advised that although they have seen MOTLEY in the downtown section of Cuernavaca on several occasions they have not seen him at any of the social gatherings they have attended which are frequented by the American Communist element in Cuernavaca.

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On the same date informants reported they had talked with [] concerning MOTLEY on September 14, 1952. On this occasion [] stated that MOTLEY has withdrawn almost completely from the Cuernavaca social life and is spending the greater part of his time writing in his home.

The informants departed from Mexico City on September 20 last, and will not return until the middle of October, next. Upon their return they will continue to follow the activities of MOTLEY in Cuernavaca, Morelos. Any activities of the Communist Party or related groups in that area will be immediately reported to the Bureau.

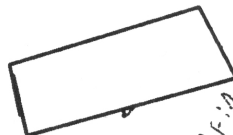
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MEXICO CITY

Date: November 24, 1952

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Mexico 100-792

Subject: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C.

Remylet September 29, 1952.

On October 24, 1952, CI's [redacted] reported that the subject had moved from his old address in Cuernavaca and is currently residing at Calzada de Atzingo 8-A, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. His telephone number is Cuernavaca 1554.

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According to information picked up by the informants in Cuernavaca, MOTLEY is writing a book at the present time and continues to lead a very secluded life. The informants further advise that he has not attended any of the recent social functions in Cuernavaca at which American Communists and sympathizers have been in attendance.

In view of the negative nature of the foregoing, no local dissemination is being made.

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Date: January 13, 1953
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Mexico 100-792
Subject: WILLARD MOTLEY
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Inasmuch as confidential informants of this office and sources of information in a position to furnish information relative to individuals in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, have furnished no data reflecting that the subject has been active in Communist Party or related activities in Cuernavaca, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status, subject to being reopened on the receipt of information indicating that MOTLEY is again becoming active.

In view of the administrative nature of the foregoing, no local dissemination is being made.

Pending inactive.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/21/53

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-104791)

SUBJECT: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

G-2 at New York furnished information on May 5, 1951, which indicated that one WILLARD MOTLEY was the chairman of a Midnight Meeting in the Palm Room of the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, on Saturday, March 24, 1951, sponsored by the Theatre Division of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

At this meeting, various speakers condemned the Activities of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

On March 1, 1949, [] furnished information which indicated that the subject, WILLARD MOTLEY, author of the novel, "Knock on Any Door," was a scheduled speaker at a Mass Rally of the Harlem Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress on March 6, 1949 at the Rembrandt Casino, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

On January 9, 1952, [] furnished a copy of the letterhead of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, Incorporated, dated December 28, 1951, on which the subject's name appears as a member of the Board of Directors.

On June 4, 1953, SA [] by pretext telephone call to Appleton Century Crafts, Incorporated, 35 West 32nd Street, New York, New York. The publishers of the subject's book, "Knock on Any Door," ascertained that the subject had been to Mexico in 1952 and currently resides in Chicago.

"American Novelists of Today," by H. R. WARFEL, published by the American Book Company (1951), indicates that the subject, born July 14, 1912 at Chicago, was a radio script writer and the author of "Knock on Any Door," published in 1947; the book was subsequently made into a motion picture starring HUMPHREY BOGART.

Logical sources fail to reflect any indication of the subject's residence or employment in New York.

Chicago is requested to verify the subject's birth and contact all logical sources in an effort to locate the subject.

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Los Angeles is requested to contact appropriate sources in an attempt to ascertain subject's whereabouts.

DESCRIPTION

Name	WILLARD MOTLEY
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	40
Born	July 14, 1912, at Chicago, Illinois
Height	5' 11" (approx.)
Weight	160 lbs. (approx.)
Complexion	Light brown
Characteristics	May have small moustache

SAC, Chicago (100-21911)

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Director, FBI (100-382070)

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WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

By agram dated August 5, 1953, the Legal Attache in Mexico has advised that, according to an informant, the subject and his mother departed Mexico City by air August 2, 1953, en route Chicago where they plan to stay with [redacted]

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[redacted] Chicago 21, Illinois. Motley and his mother plan to return to Mexico after their visit in the United States, which is of uncertain duration, according to the informant.

The above is for your information.

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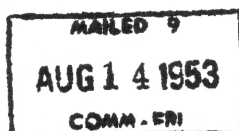
Subject not on SI. He is a Negro author, who has resided in Mexico since 1951. He has been described as pro-Communist and "eccentric." State [redacted] have been advised.

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AIRGRAM

Mr. Tolson ☒
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Mr. Belmont ☒
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DECODE OF CODED MESSAGE NUMBER 37 DATED AUGUST 5, 1953 AT
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA AIRGRAM

WILLARD MOTLEY, SM - C. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] ADVISES
SUBJECT AND MOTHER DEPARTED MEXICO CITY BY AIR AUGUST 2 EN -
ROUTE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHERE THEY PLAN TO STAY WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CHICAGO 21. THEY PLAN TO RETURN
TO MEXICO FOLLOWING A VISIT OF UNCERTAIN DURATION IN THE U.S.

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order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-46461)

SUBJECT: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C
OO: New YorkAPPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP
DATE: September 28, 1953

CONFIDENTIAL

Re New York letter to Bureau dated July 21, 1953, requesting contact with appropriate sources to determine if possible the present whereabouts of above subject.

[redacted] motion picture writer in Hollywood, advised he knows MOTLEY only by reputation as author of the book "Knock on any Door," never met him personally, and never heard that he ever resided on the west coast. Informant had no information as to subject's whereabouts.

Similar contact with [redacted] all writers connected with the film industry, was made with negative results.

Subject is not registered as a member or otherwise listed with the local Screen Writers Guild, an affiliate of Authors League of America.

[redacted] advises that WILLARD MOTLEY is not carried as a member of or otherwise recorded with the Southern California (Hollywood) Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (S)(u)

Los Angeles indices reflect the following information which may possibly already be known to New York:

By airtel to Boston dated February 5, 1953, the Bureau advised that according to information received from Legat, Mexico City, unknown individuals driving a 1951 Chrysler, bearing 1952 or 1953 Massachusetts plates 239100, had been in recent contact with GORDON KAHN at Cuernavaca, Mexico; that [redacted] associate of GORDON KAHN and of WILLARD MOTLEY, Negro Communist in Cuernavaca, was observed in this car with unknown subjects during last week in January (1953). (u)

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cc: New York (100-104791) (Reg.)
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For the information of New York, GORDON KAHN is the former Hollywood film writer and Security Index subject at Los Angeles, who is now living in Mexico.

According to a memorandum dated April 4, 1952 from the American Embassy in Mexico City to the State Department, one WILLARD MOTLEY was one of a list of individuals residing at that time in Cuernavaca, Mexico, who were described as Communists or Communist suspects.

On January 7, 1953, [redacted]

[redacted] Hollywood, California, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Office that during a trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico, in December, 1952, she had met a number of people suspected of being Communists or pro-Communists, including JOHN BRIGHT and WILLARD MOTLEY, the latter described as a Negro writer. These people frequented the Bella Vista Hotel in Cuernavaca.

[redacted] was recontacted on September 22, 1953 for any additional information she might have in regard to WILLARD MOTLEY. She recalled that at the time she met him in Cuernavaca last December, he appeared to be rather well known and accepted by the colony of writers and artists that reside in Cuernavaca.

[redacted] knows nothing else in regard to MOTLEY since then, but has friends in Cuernavaca with whom she corresponds. She said she would discreetly attempt to determine through her friends if MOTLEY still resides in Cuernavaca and advise this office.

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By way of identification, above-mentioned JOHN BRIGHT is one of a number of former film writers from Hollywood now living in Mexico whose one-time affiliation with the Communist Party at Los Angeles has been reliably established.

It would appear, from information set out in relet from New York, that MOTLEY may now be residing in the Chicago area. Since Los Angeles has not had previous serials in this matter, it is being left to the discretion of New York to determine whether investigation by Legat, Mexico is deemed necessary at this time. RUC.

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TITLE WILLARD MOTLEY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, author, reportedly born 7/14/12 at Chicago, Illinois. Informant advised subject presently residing Chicago, Illinois. Subject reportedly on Board of Directors, NCASP, 1950, 1951; chairman NCASP meeting March, 1951; active in NCASP since 1948; was speaker at CRC rally March, 1949; sponsor of YPA rally April, 1949; in February, 1949, signed statement denouncing prosecution of 12 CP leaders.

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DETAILS:

This case is predicated upon information received from of known reliability, that the subject was the Chairman of a Midnight Meeting in the Palm Room of the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, sponsored by the Theatre Division of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

"NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS

- "1. Cited as a Communist front. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p.2.)"

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BACKGROUND

Birth

In the book, "American Novelists of Today," by H. R. WERFEL (1951 - American Book Company), it is reported that WILLARD MOTLEY, author of the novel, "Knock on Any Door," was born July 14, 1912, at Chicago, Illinois.

Residence

[] of unknown reliability but who is acquainted with the subject's activities, advised on June 4, 1953 that the subject was a resident of Chicago, Illinois, and had never been a resident of New York. Informant was unable to furnish an address for the subject.

Occupation

In the book, "American Novelists of Today," mentioned above, it is reported that the subject in 1947 had his first novel, "Knock on Any Door," published. The article further reveals that the subject has had many jobs in the past, including being a housing authority interviewer and a writer for the Office of Civilian Defense.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT

Communist Front Groups

National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions

[] of known reliability, advised that as of December 28, 1951, WILLARD MOTLEY was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

[] advised that as of November 21, 1950, WILLARD MOTLEY was a member of the Board of Directors of the NCASP. The May 2, 1950 issue of the New York "Herald Tribune" lists the names of the officers of the NCASP

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for 1950. WILLARD MOTLEY is shown as a member of the Board of Directors.

[] of known reliability, advised that WILLARD MOTLEY was the Chairman of a Midnight Meeting in the Palm Room of the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, on March 24, 1951, sponsored by the Theatre Division of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Informant advised that at this meeting, various speakers condemned the activities of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The February 21, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, lists WILLARD MOTLEY among four hundred sponsors of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace in New York City, March 25 to 27, 1949. This conference was under the auspices of the NCASP, according to the article.

The October 20, 1948 issue of the New York "Times" carries a full page advertisement issued by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, pledging support to the candidacy of HENRY WALLACE for President of the United States. WILLARD MOTLEY is listed among the signers of this advertisement.

The Civil Rights Congress

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[] advised that WILLARD MOTLEY, author of "Knock On Any Door," was a scheduled speaker at a Mass Rally of the Harlem Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress on March 6, 1949, at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

Young Progressives of America

[] of known reliability, advised in 1949 that the Young Progressives of America is Communist dominated.

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[] of known reliability, advised that the subject was among the sponsors of the "Salute to F.D.R." rally at Manhattan Center on April 21, 1949, sponsored by the Young Progressives of America.

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Committee For United States Participation in the
American Continental Congress for World Peace

- "1. Cited as a section of the parent organization, the American Continental Congress for Peace, which was 'another phase in the Communist world 'peace' Campaign, aimed to consolidating anti-American forces throughout the Western Hemisphere.' (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p.21.)"

The July 29, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker" lists WILLARD MOTLEY "among the leading U.S. scientists, educators, artists, religious and labor leaders who have endorsed the Continental Congress," in an article announcing a peace congress to be held in Mexico City September 5 to 10, 1949, as announced July 28, 1949 by the Committee for United States Participation in the American Continental Congress for World Peace.

MISCELLANEOUS

The February 28, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker" carries an article which reports that WILLARD MOTLEY, author of "Knock On Any Door," was among the signers of a joint statement to the Attorney General of the United States denouncing the government prosecution of the National Communist Party leaders for "mere advocacy of their political views." This statement was prepared by the Committee For Free Political Advocacy, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

The January - February, 1949 issue of the "Voice of Freedom," a bulletin published by the Voice of Freedom Committee, announced a campaign

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to open one of the four major networks to a Negro news commentator. The subject's name appears in a list of eighteen Negro candidates to be voted for in connection with this campaign.

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- "1. Among publications which the committee found 'to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p.225.)"

The files of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, were reviewed by SA [] with the following results:

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"WILLARD MOTLEY (no address): Name appeared in advertisement of National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions as favoring election of HENRY WALLACE for President (1948).

"Sponsor, Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace under auspices of National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, March 25 to 27, 1949.

"Sponsor, National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders (1949)."

The files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, the Greater New York Retail Credit Bureau, and the New York City Board of Elections reflect no information concerning the subject.

[] all of known reliability, advised that they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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DESCRIPTION

☐ describes the subject as follows:

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Name:	WILLARD MOTLEY
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Age:	41
Born:	July 14, 1912, Chicago, Illinois
Height:	5'11" (approximately)
Weight:	160 pounds (approximately)
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Light Brown
Characteristics:	May have small moustache

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or description of information	Date Received	Agent to whom furnished	File # and where located
<div>Pretext phone call to Appleton Century Grofts, Inc. 35 W. 32nd St., NYC, publishers of "Knock On Any Door"</div>	Subject's residence at Chicago, Ill.	6/4/53	SA <div></div>	Instant file
<div></div>	Board of Directors, NCASP	1/9/52 3/1/49 11/21/50	SA <div></div> SA <div></div>	100-93553-763 100-93553-580 100-80675-1359
<div></div>	Meeting of Theatre Division, NCASP, 3/24/51	5/5/51	SA <div></div>	Instant file
<div></div>	Documentation of YPA			b2 b7D b7C
<div></div>	Sponsors of YPA "Salute to F.D.R." rally 4/21/49	4/21/49	SA <div></div>	100-93764-315
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MISCELLANEOUS

For the information of offices receiving copies of this report, the following information concerning the subject appears in "American Novelists of Today," by H. R. WERFEL (American Book Company - 1951):

"WILLARD MOTLEY was born July 14, 1912 in Chicago, Illinois. He has made four transcontinental trips; by bicycle, 'jalopy,' thumb and brake rods. During his days of wandering he was a student, football player, ranch hand, migratory worker, cook, salesman, dishwasher, janitor, waiter, chauffeur, laboratory technician and radio script writer. He has also worked as a housing authority interviewer and a writer for the Office of Civilian Defense.

"His first novel, 'Knock on Any Door,' (1947), is about a boy, NICK ROMANS, who grew up on the streets of Chicago. He passes from juvenile mischief to crime. Reform school corrupts and hardens him; he eventually turns killer and dies in the electric chair. This story was made into a powerful motion picture starring HUMPHREY BOGART, which became propaganda in the fight against juvenile delinquency."

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LEADS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

At Chicago, Illinois

Will verify the subject's birth reported to be July 14, 1912, and will contact all logical sources in an effort to locate the subject.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

At Los Angeles, California

Will contact appropriate sources in an attempt to ascertain subject's whereabouts.

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SECRET AIR COURIER

Date: November 23, 1953
To: Legal Attache
Mexico, D. F.
From: Director, FBI
Subject: WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to your airgram dated 8-7-53.

There is enclosed one copy of a self-explanatory letter dated 10-28-53, from the Chicago Division.

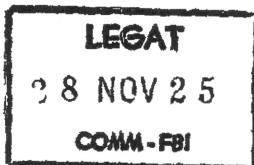
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382070) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: October 28, 1953
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-21911)
 SUBJECT: WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY
 SECURITY MATTER - C
 (Origin: CHICAGO)

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Re New York letter to the Bureau dated July 21, 1953; Bureau letter to Chicago dated August 14, 1953; Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated September 28, 1953; report of SA [redacted] dated October 14, 1953, at New York.

On October 23, 1953, Mrs. MARY FREDERICA MOTLEY, mother of the captioned subject, was interviewed under suitable pretext by SA [redacted] at her home at 350 West 60th Street, Chicago, at which time she advised that WILLARD MOTLEY has returned to Mexico and is presently residing at Calzado Atzingo, No. 8A, Curenayaca, Morelos, Mexico.

Concerning the subject's birth data, Mrs. MOTLEY informed that WILLARD MOTLEY was born on July 14, 1909, at Chicago, Illinois. It is to be noted that Mrs. MOTLEY exhibited a hospital receipt received from the Chicago Union Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 16, 1909, substantiating the above information.

Current informant checks in the Chicago area and the records of the Chicago Police Department failed to reflect any current information identifiable with WILLARD MOTLEY.

Inasmuch as the files of the Chicago Office contain numerous references pertaining to WILLARD MOTLEY's membership and affiliations with various front group organizations, a summary report will be prepared by the Chicago Office recommending that the subject be included on the Security Index.

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CC: 2 NEW YORK (100-104791) (REGISTERED)
 2 LOS ANGELES (100-46461) (REGISTERED)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/29/53

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-46461)

SUBJECT: WILLARD MOTLEY
SECURITY MATTER - C
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Rerep of SA [redacted] 10/14/53, at New York, which sets out a lead for LA to contact sources to ascertain subject's whereabouts.

It is noted that this same investigation was requested by NY's letter to Bureau dated 7/21/53 and was covered RUC'd by LA's letter to Bureau, 9/28/53, copies to NY and Chicago.

Accordingly, therefore, this case will remain in closed status at LA unless additional investigation is requested.

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MMB:MSD

cc: 2 - New York (100-104791) (REG.)

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SUGGESTED BUREAU INDEXING

☐ No additional indexing required.
Derogatory information regarding
individuals listed herein other than
subject previously reported or is
currently being submitted by this
office in individual reports relating
to these persons.

☒ Above applies, with the exception of
those names checked in blue ink on
right-hand margin, original pages.

☐ New information. Normal indexing
suggested.

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(Initials of field
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO	DATE WHEN MADE 11/20/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/16, 17, 23, 24; 10/8, 9, 15, 23, 27, 28/53	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
TITLE "CHANGED"		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
<p>WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY</p> <p><i>A.C. 12H REF: ac 9/15/53</i></p> <p>SUMMARY REPORT</p> <p>WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY presently resides in Mexico and is self employed as an author. In 1951, MOTLEY reportedly declared "Down with the United States" while offering the toast to the Communists. MOTLEY was sponsor to the Bill of Rights Conference in 1949; supported HENRY WALLACE in presidential campaign 1948; sponsor to the Cultural and Scientific Conference sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions in 1949; member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions 1950-1951; listed as a speaker at the "Humanity Versus The H-Bomb" Conference sponsored by the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions 1950; chairman of the Midnight Meeting sponsored by the Theatre Division of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions 1951; contact of the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions 1951-1952; speaker at a mass rally of the Harlem Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress 1949; endorsed the Continental Congress sponsored by the Committee for United States Participation in the American Continental Congress for World Peace 1949; speaker at a reception sponsored by the Congress of American Women 1949; subscriber to the "Daily Worker" 1943, 1950-1951; and the "Worker" 1950-1951; sponsor PEARL HART Testimonial Dinner 1950; signer to an open letter to Senators and Congressmen urging the defeat of President TRUMAN'S Arms Program 1950 sponsored by the National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives; authorized use of his name in protesting trial of 12 convicted Communist Party leaders in New York in 1949; alternate to the Progressive Party National Convention 1950; speaker at a symposium sponsored by the Progressive Party 1948; forwarded a communication to the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, on behalf of the Progressive Party program to obtain a place on the ballot in 1950 general election in Illinois; affiliated with a Workers School, Chicago, 1942; sponsor of the "Salute to F.D.R." rally sponsored by the Young Progressives of America 1949.</p> <p><i>348,338 12/8/52 Classified by SP-5 CDE Declassify on: OADR</i></p>			
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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The title of this report is being marked "changed" to record the true name of the subject as WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY as obtained from [] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information.

I. BACKGROUND

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a. Birth Data

[] supra, advised on October 23, 1953, that WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY was born on July 14, 1909, at Chicago, Illinois, and that his father was ARCHIBALD JOHN MOTLEY and his mother was MARY FREDERICA HUSS MOTLEY.

It is to be noted that [] exhibited a hospital receipt from the Chicago Union Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 16, 1909, substantiating the above information.

b. Present Employment

[] supra, advised that WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY is self employed as an author and is presently residing in Mexico where he is attempting to obtain information for his new book, the title of which is unknown to the informant.

It should be noted that in the book "American Novelists of Today" by H.R. WARFEL (1951 - American Book Company) it was reported that in 1947 MOTLEY had had his first novel "Knock On Any Door" published.

c. Residences

[] supra, advised that WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY presently resides at Calzado Atzingo, No. 84, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.

[] of known reliability, advised on October 23, 1953, that WILLIAM MOTLEY presently resides at Apartado 248, Cuernavaca, Mexico.

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Former Residence

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[redacted] Street, Chicago, advised on April 6, 1951, that WILLARD MOTLEY, author of "Knock On Any Door", resided at 208 East Superior Street, in 1950 and 1951.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on November 25, 1951, that one W. MOTLEY resided at 1420 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised in June 1942, that one WILLARD MOTLEY resided at 1261 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, in 1942.

d. Education

[redacted] supra, advised that WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY graduated from Englewood High School, Chicago, Illinois, and had attended the University of Wisconsin for an unknown period of time.

e. Marital Status

[redacted] supra, advised that WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY is single.

f. Relatives

[redacted] supra, listed the following relatives of WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY:

MARY FREDERICA HUSS MOTLEY, mother
350 West 60th Street,
Chicago

MRS. ARCHIBALD JOHN MOTLEY (deceased)
Father

[redacted]
Chicago

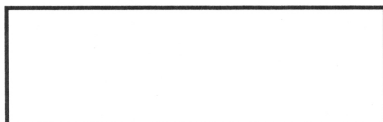
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RITA MOTLEY, sister
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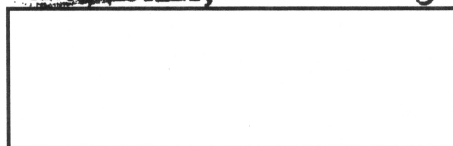


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g. Military Record

[] a reliable and confidential source, advised on May 29, 1951, that WILLARD MOTLEY, 208 West Superior Street, Chicago, had no military record.

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[] supra, substantiated the above information concerning the subject's military status.

h. Criminal Record

Records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, were reviewed on October 8, 1953, by SE [] and reflected that WILLARD MOTLEY, 208 West Superior Street, Chicago, was arrested on August 29, 1951, for drunkenness and causing a disturbance and was discharged on August 29, 1951.

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i. Credit Record

Records of the Hill's Reports Inc., a Chicago credit agency, were checked on October 8, 1953, by SE [] and failed to reflect any record identifiable with WILLARD MOTLEY.

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j. Other Background
Information Pertaining
to WILLARD MOTLEY

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[] supra, advised that WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY had informed her in the past that his book "Knock On Any Door" had been translated into Spanish and as a result he is entitled to receive a substantial amount in royalties from this translation but will not be able to collect this money except in Spain.

According to the informant, MOTLEY advised that he intended to reside in Spain subsequent to the completion of his new book "name unknown", and further stated that he did not intend to return to the United States.

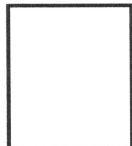
II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

a. Revolutionary Statements
Made by the Subject Showing
Advocacy of the Overthrow
of the Government by Force
and Violence

On September 29, 1951, [] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on September 23, 1951, in the dining room of the Bella Vista Hotel, Cuernavaca, Mexico, he heard WILLARD MOTLEY, a Negro writer and eight of his black and white friends toast the Communists crying "Down with the United States".

Current Informant Check

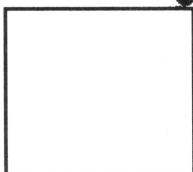
The following informants, all of known reliability who are generally familiar with the Communist Party and related groups in the Chicago area, advised on the below listed dates that they were unable to furnish any information pertaining to the subject:



- October 8, 1953
- October 8, 1953
- October 9, 1953

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- October 9, 1953
- October 15, 1953
- October 27, 1953

[redacted] an Agency which
Collects Security Information
in the Chicago Area

This informant advised on October 8, 1953, that ~~it~~ was unable to furnish any current information identifiable with WILLARD MOTLEY.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Bill of Rights Conference

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on June 8, 1950, that the Bill of Rights Conference had been sponsored by the Communist Party and that the Communist Party had guided preparation for the conference. (X)(U)

[redacted] supra

On June 20, 1949, this informant made available a pamphlet entitled "Call to a Bill of Rights Conference" which reflected that WILLARD MOTLEY, author, was sponsor to the Bill of Rights Conference which was scheduled to be held on July 16, 17, 1949, at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York.

The Chicago Council of the
Arts, Sciences, and Professions (CCASP)

The National Council of the
Arts, Sciences, and Professions (NCASP)

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on March 6, 1952, that the CCASP is an affiliate of the NCASP.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities in their Guide dated May 16, 1951, cited the NCASP as a Communist Front.

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